

Encounter these verses today:

circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...



John 1:1-45 (NIV) | Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha.² This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair.

³ Her brother, Lazarus, was sick.³ So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."

⁴ But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this."⁵ So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus,⁶ he stayed where he was for the next two days.⁷ Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

⁸ But his disciples objected. "Rabbi," they said, "only a few days ago the people⁸ in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?"

⁹ Jesus replied, "There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world.¹⁰ But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light."¹¹ Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."

¹² The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!"¹³ They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died.

¹⁴ So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead."¹⁵ And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him."

¹⁶ Thomas, nicknamed the Twin,¹⁶ said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days.¹⁸ Bethany was only a few miles¹⁸ down the road from Jerusalem,¹⁹ and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss.²⁰ When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life.²⁵ Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

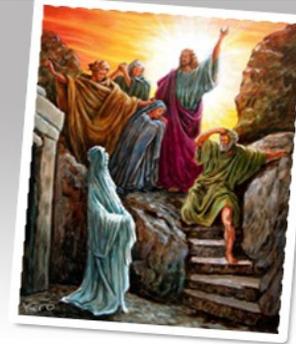
²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God."²⁸ Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, "The Teacher is here and wants to see

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Ashes
to Fire

"With Jesus in a Cemetery"
John 11:1-45



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Digging Deeper

[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 4.11.2011

Passage: Psalm 31; Jeremiah 24:1-10; Romans 9:19-33

Today's Gospel Reading: John 9:1-17

Prayer: *O God, fill my soul with so entire a love for you, that I may love nothing but you. Give me grace to study your knowledge daily, that the more I know you, the more I may love you, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 4.12.2011

Passage: Psalm 121; Jeremiah 30:1-11; Romans 10:1-13

Today's Gospel Reading: John 9:18-41

Prayer: *Eternal and Merciful Father, I give you humble thanks for all the spiritual and earthly blessings which in your mercy you have poured into my life. Lord, let me live only to love you and glorify your name. Amen.*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 4.13.2011

Passage: Psalm 119:145-176; Jeremiah 31:1-14; Romans 10:14-21

Today's Gospel Reading: John 10:1-18

Prayer: *O God, fill me with confidence and trust that in knowing your will, may follow it, and that in following your will, I will find joy, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 4.14.2011

Passage: Psalm 131; Jeremiah 31:15-26; Romans 11:1-24

Today's Gospel Reading: John 10:19-42

Prayer: *Protect me, Lord, as I stay awake; watch over me as I sleep, that awake, I may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace. Amen.*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 4.15.2011

Passage: Psalm 22; Jeremiah 31:27-33; Romans 11:25-36

Today's Gospel Reading: John 11:1-27

Prayer: *Almighty God, your love for us is more than we could ever imagine. Fill our lives with your love, our minds with your thoughts, our mouths with your truth, so that every part of our living is touched by your grace. Amen.*

Reflections: _____

Saturday: 4.16.2011

Passage: Psalm 145; Jeremiah 31:34-40; Romans 12:1-8

Today's Gospel Reading: John 11:28-44

Prayer: *Now to God the Father who first loved us, and made us accepted in the Beloved; to God the Son who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood; to God the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with the love of God, be all love and all glory for time and eternity. Amen.*

Reflections: _____

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you.”²⁹ So Mary immediately went to him.

³⁰ Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. ³¹ When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus’s grave to weep. So they followed her there. ³² When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him,^U and he was deeply troubled. ³⁴ “Where have you put him?” he asked them.

They told him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Then Jesus wept. ³⁶ The people who were standing nearby said, “See how much he loved him!” ³⁷ But some said, “This man healed a blind man. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

³⁸ Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. ³⁹ “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them.

But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.”

⁴⁰ Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” ⁴¹ So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. ⁴² You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” ⁴³ Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!”